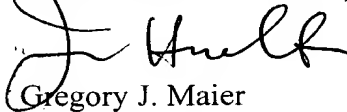


Applicant further notes that the basic idea of the present invention is that two springs are provided wherein one spring can be deactivated by transversal movement and connect on the runner again during reverse movement. This idea is felt to be best reflected in Figure 16. However, Figures 5-14, 17 and 18 also show embodiments of this concept. In Figures 5 and 9, the first spring acts between points 14 and 16, while the second spring acts between points 16 and 17. With respect to Figures 8, 10 and 14, two of such devices can be arranged for providing the present invention. Figure 11 discloses the embodiment with a parallel arrangement of the springs. Figure 12 is also considered to be readable on such concept wherein initial spring 34 is compressed by relative displacement between runner 36 and the retaining element 33 and that spring 54 is compressed by further movement of the ruler 36. Accordingly, Applicant submits that prosecution on the merits in connection with the present invention with respect to Figures 5-15 in addition to Figure 16 is merited. In view of the foregoing, an early and favorable office action is felt to be in order and the same is respectfully requested.

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